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ROLLER BALL PENS

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JP 2003 221654

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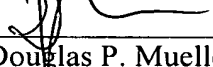
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	JP 2003 221654	August 2003	JAPAN			Abstract	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/JP2005/004696 dated May 10, 2005

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